Attorney's Docket No. 033402-003 DEC 0 3 2001 THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE nt Application of Anand S. Athreya, et al. Group Art Unit: unknown Examiner: to be assigned RECEIVE Application No.: 09/938,474-DEC 2 8 2001 Filed: August 23, 2001 Technology Center 2600 For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED VIRTUAL LOCAL AREA NETWORKS INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application. No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required. [X]The fee of \$180.00 (126) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed. [] [] A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed. A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and the fee of \$180.00 (126) as set forth [] in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are also enclosed. Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due. [] A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed for the fee due. [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate. Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

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The documents are being submitted within three months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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